

TEUTONS SEIZE RASOVO IN PUSH ON CERNAVODA

Mackensen's Troops Forge Ahead in Great Drive in Dobrudja

TAKE 6768 PRISONERS AND PURSUE ENEMY

Germans Eight Miles From Bridgehead Barring Road to Bucharest

FALKENHAYN ATTACKS

Captures Predeal, Gateway Into Northern Rumania, in New Assaults

PARIS, Oct. 24.—Kaiser Wilhelm is reported to have arrived at the Bapaume front to supervise preparations for a heavy German counter-offensive north of the Somme, the Liberte reported today.

"Heavy reinforcements in both men and artillery are arriving at the German front, the newspaper continued, and there are indications that the Germans, alarmed at the Allied advance in Bapaume, planned to rectify the situation."

With more than half of the Constanza-Cernavoda Railway in his hands, Field Marshal Mackensen is advancing swiftly northward, aiming to destroy a large part of the Russo-Rumanian army.

Mackensen's left wing has captured the town of Rasovo, on the Danube, it was officially announced at Berlin this afternoon. Rasovo is only eight miles south of Cernavoda and is near the only bridge over the Danube by which the retreating Russo-Rumanians can withdraw to old Rumania with their guns and other equipment.

The Teutonic center has captured the railway junction of Medjidie, the central point of support of the Russo-Rumanian line. The right wing has swept through Constanza in pursuit of the retreating Rumanians, pursuing cavalry having reached the region of Caramurat.

The German-Bulgarian-Turkish armies have captured 6768 prisoners and fifty-two machine guns, it was officially announced at Berlin. The German War Office, however, claims no large amount of booty, apparently confirming a Rome report that supplies were removed from Constanza several days ago.

While Mackensen is winning in Dobrudja the resumption of the offensive in Transylvania with the purpose of crushing Rumania between eastern and western armies has met with some success, Berlin reported. The Austro-Germans have captured the Rumanian force of Predeal after several days of fierce fighting near Predeal Pass.

Both the Rumanian and Russian War Offices issued statements today admitting the loss of Constanza, Petrograd reporting also the capture of Medjidie by the Teutons. The Rumanian War Office explained that the Rumanian left wing had been compelled to retire from Constanza by enemy pressure, falling back upon Caramurat.

Both the Rumanian and Russian statements, however, announced Rumanian victories near the Transylvanian frontier, especially in the Otuzse Valley, where the Rumanians attacked on the whole front, capturing ten officers, 303 men and ten machine guns. In Macedonia the Serbs have returned

THE WEATHER

WEATHER FORECASTS
WILLIS L. MOORE and W. F. CAROTHERS
Forecast for Pennsylvania:
Sunday, October 22, to Tuesday, October 24.—The first half of the week will have moderate temperatures, rising, and increasing cloudiness, breaking into rain Tuesday, Wednesday, November 1, to Saturday, November 4.—Cool movement is due Wednesday and Thursday, with clearing and 20 degrees colder, and there will be general frosts daily to the week-end.

GOVERNMENT FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair tonight, followed by increasing cloudiness Wednesday; not much change in temperature; moderate northeast winds.

PUZZLE AD MAN ARRESTED

Credit Checks on Piano Purchases Alleged to Be Worthless

LANCASTER, Pa., Oct. 24.—Howard M. Eldridge, Jr., formerly of Lancaster, now manager of the Winter Piano Company, Harrisburg, has been arrested on complaint of Post Office Inspector Lucas, charged with using the mails to defraud.

BROKER'S FAMILY DRUGGED; ROBBED OF \$100,000 GEMS

Frank Gray Griswold, of New York, Reports Big Jewel Robbery

WHOLE HOUSE SEARCHED

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—One of the biggest robberies about New York in years was reported to the police today when Frank Gray Griswold, prominent Wall street and sporting man, told of burglars entering his Long Island home last night and escaping with jewelry and silver valued at between \$80,000 and \$100,000. This estimate of the loss was made by Griswold and his wife, who motored in to headquarters to report the robbery.

Griswold, his wife and Mrs. Griswold's daughter, Miss Mary Canfield, in the palatial residence near Roslyn, one of the show places of Long Island, are believed to have been chloroformed by the robbers.

Griswold and Mrs. Griswold told the police they awoke this morning with severe headaches and the daughter was ill. In one of the rooms was found a rag or handkerchief, which was believed to have been saturated with chloroform and to have been used in rendering members of the household unconscious. Footprints were found in all of the sleeping rooms, which led to the belief that the burglars went systematically about their work of taking every precaution against being disturbed.

The burglars apparently took their time about robbing the house after they were sure the family were under the influence of the drug. They ransacked drawers and closets throughout the house, opened jewel cases and picked out only the most costly gems, and piled the empty boxes up behind curtains in rooms on the lower floor.

Griswold notified Sheriff Pettit, of Nassau County, of the robbery, but owing to the value of the jewelry and silver taken gave the New York police also all details. Indications were that the robbers came to the house and escaped in an automobile, Griswold said. Automobile tracks leading up to the house were found in the grass. There are twelve servants in the house, but Griswold said all of them declared they did not hear any noise during the night. No trace of the robbers has been found.

PERSHING'S HANDS ARE TIED WITH VILLA ALMOST IN GRASP

U. S. Agreement Probably Prevents Early Capture of Outlaw

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—With General Pershing sixty miles north of where Villa is now attacking the Carranza forces, and more capable now than in April last of capturing the outlawed bandit, his hands are tied by the order from Washington compelling him to remain inactive. If he moves southward the de facto government will renew its demands that the American troops be withdrawn from Mexico.

In brief, the situation as explained by those who know, is that this Government will do nothing to disturb the present status quo until after election, if then. If Pershing should carry out his original orders and seek to capture Villa, the Atlantic City conference would go to pieces.

U-53 SUNK, BRITISH CAPTAIN REPORTS

Submarine Wrecked by Patrol Boat Off Nova Scotia, Is Assertion

BOSTON, Oct. 24.—The U-53, the sensational submarine raider which sank five merchant vessels off Nantucket Lightship on October 5, has been sunk by the British patrol boat Stanley, according to an official report in Canada, brought here today by Captain W. G. Tudor, of the British freighter Hochelaga. The U-53 is supposed to have been trapped and destroyed while lying off Sydney, N. S., waiting for troop ships. Captain Tudor, who arrived here today with a cargo of coal from Louisbourg, Cape Breton, said: "Just before I left Louisbourg I was told that I need not worry about submarines. According to the story I heard, the U-53 was waiting to get a shot at some troopships when the Stanley stumbled across her, damaged her so she could not submerge and then sank her. I don't know what happened to her crew."

99 Stitches to Close His Wounds

Ninety-nine stitches were necessary today to close the wounds of Joseph Gessler, a saloonkeeper, of 213 Poplar street, who was slashed with a razor by a negro shortly before midnight. Gessler, in St. Joseph's Hospital, probably will recover. According to the police, Joseph Johnson, a negro, of Ninth street near Poplar, was thrown out of the saloon earlier in the evening. He returned later with James Black, a negro, of the same address, who did the cutting. Black rushed Gessler and cut him across the face, arms and back and Johnson

KAISER RETURNS TO BERLIN

Emperor Discusses General War Situation With Chancellor

BERLIN, Oct. 24.—The Emperor, who is paying a brief visit to Berlin, conferred with the Imperial Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, and will continue the discussions on the general situation concerning which the Chancellor and the Foreign Secretary, Herr von Jagow, visited great army headquarters last week.

It is understood that there has been no change in the situation with respect to the United States.

ELECTRIC DEVICES PRAISED AS GREAT BOON TO SURGERY

Cancer Cures Demonstrated at Annual Clinical Congress Here

USE OF THE CISTOSCOPE

"Do it electrically," is a slogan of the surgeons also.

It was made known to the laity today by the surgeons attending the seventh annual clinical congress of surgeons in Philadelphia that electricity had proved to be a cure for several different types of cancer. And electricity is also used to "tighten up" the inner parts of the human body, and the smallest twists and turns of the human interior, while the surgeon handles his instruments with deftness and precision.

Dr. L. T. Ashcraft, conducting a clinic this morning in Hahnemann Hospital, removed a cancer from a patient which had caused suffering for two years, and announced when he was through that it never would recur. He performed the operation, using a cystoscope—which to the laity might be described as an electrically lighted periscope—and a long, electrically charged needle. The cancer was removed from a hidden part of the bladder of the patient, and the base of it was cauterized with an electric needle.

USE OF ELECTRICITY

Doctor Ashcraft demonstrated to the visiting surgeons the new "fulguration" treatment for small growths, which include the use of the cystoscope and a fine wire attached to an electric battery. The patient is conscious while the operation is being made, only a local anesthetic being used.

"Electricity," said Doctor Ashcraft, "is far superior to radium in the treatment of cancer. But, of course, the knife is the best method of treating a patient suffering from a malignant growth. Thousands of deaths could be avoided every year if surgeons would operate instead of using medical treatment. Many cases are diagnosed as kidney trouble when it is simply bladder trouble."

Boiling water injected into the glands of a goiter is the method used in the treatment of that ailment at the Jewish Hospital, Dr. Nathaniel Ginsberg said today. He conducted a clinic for the surgeons at the hospital, using boiling water on six patients. He said the treatment had had good results.

At the Pennsylvania Hospital clinic this morning, Dr. E. R. Lewis, of Lexington, Ky., performed a remarkable bloodless tonsil-removal operation, which is said to be entirely new. No knife was used, but a wire was placed about the tonsil and gradually closed in so that the wound was not left open, and allowed no blood whatever to flow.

REMARKABLE OPERATIONS

At the Philadelphia General Hospital, Dr. H. R. Loux, of Philadelphia, operated on a man with an hour-glass stomach, caused by cancer, and made an entirely new passage for the connection between the intestine and the stomach.

At the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, Dr.

Continued on Page Two, Column Three

GAFFNEY URGES TAXES CONTROL BY CITY COUNCIL

Finance Chairman Sends Open Letter to the Mayor

STRIPS THE REVISION BOARD OF POWERS

Favors Taking by City of Many Items Paid to State

PLAN ENFORCED IN 1918

Gaffney's Suggestions for Taxation in City

1. Councilmanic control of all municipal taxation.
2. The stripping of the Board of Revision of Taxes of many of its powers.
3. Taxes now paid to the State to be paid to city in future.
4. Legislative enactments enlarging municipal powers.
5. New methods of taxation, including the dropping of suburban rate on realty and the continuation of the two classes of city and farm.
6. Taxes upon automobiles, ground rents, insurance companies and the removal of the State tax now on city bonds.
7. The payment to the city of the collateral inheritance tax and the mercantile license tax.

Councilmanic control of municipal taxation, the stripping of the Board of Revision of Taxes of many of its powers, new kinds of taxation and the taking over by the city of several classes of taxation which are now paid into the State treasury, are the revolutionary methods which Chairman Gaffney, of Council's Finance Committee advocates in an effort to replenish the city treasury in years to come.

In an open letter to Mayor Smith and Council's financial expert gives the conclusions reached by himself after months of study in an effort to place the city on a pay-as-you-go basis. Although he has made no estimate of the additional revenue to be had by the city, if his plans are approved, he cites instances where several millions of dollars can be added by the diversion of State taxes to the city.

His letter, which includes an exhaustive history of previous efforts to obtain by taxation new revenues for the city, is doubly significant in view of the fact that Mr. Gaffney has gone over most of the field with executive to many of the plans before making Mayor Smith and had the approval of the leg them public.

CHANGE OF METHODS

Among the more important suggestions made by Mr. Gaffney, who is considered by many the mouthpiece of the Administration, is one looking toward the introduction at the coming session of the Legislature of bills changing in every way the present methods employed by the Board of Revision of Taxes which he brands as obsolete. His plan calls for Councilmanic control after 1918 of all tax assessments.

The collateral inheritance tax now paid to the State is demanded for the city, as is also the mercantile license tax. The latter tax alone would increase the city's income at least \$1,200,000 annually. Another suggested change is to impose a tax upon the fire insurance companies which are exempted under the act of 1913.

After a lengthy historical review of

Continued on Page Seven, Column One

QUICK NEWS

\$5000 EVEN BET ON ELECTION

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Five thousand dollars was placed at even money on the presidential election on the curb today. Odds quoted were nine and one-half to ten on Wilson, with Hughes backers asking even.

TODAY'S RACING RESULTS

First Laurel race, 2-year-olds, selling, 6 furlongs—Kabo, 111, Obert, \$12.10, \$10.10, \$5.10, won; Cherry Rippe, 116, T. McTaggart, \$4.30, \$3.00, second; Glory Belle, 113, Robinson, \$3.20, third. Time, 1:14 3-5. Second Laurel race, maidens, all ages, 1 mile—Xylon, 115, Robinson, \$2.80, \$2.60, \$2.20, won; N. K. Beal, 98, Obert, \$4.60, \$3.60, second; Life, 109, Ball, \$3.30, third. Time, 1:41 1-5.

ELLIS, WIFE SLAYER, DIES OF SELF-INFLICTED WOUND

William Howell Ellis, who shot and killed his wife, Mrs. Augusta Willoughby Ellis, and then turned the weapon upon himself, died shortly before midnight of the self-inflicted wound at the Chestnut Hill Hospital. He suffered a relapse yesterday afternoon after having made two attempts to escape from the hospital. The shooting occurred at the Ellis home, Honeybrook Farms, on North Bethlehem Pike near Bannockburn avenue, Ambler, October 7, during one of the mental delusions from which Ellis suffered.

DU PONT PROFITS EXCEED TOTAL OF 8 PREVIOUS YEARS

The profits of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., powder makers, for 1915 exceed the combined totals of the eight previous years. The earnings last year, according to the reports of the company, were \$57,840,758, or \$15,573,040 greater than those of the last eight years preceding. A new record is expected when earnings for this year are made public.

GABRILOWITSCH, PIANIST, WILL LIVE AT ARDMORE

Philadelphia's musical colony will receive a notable addition within a month, when Ossip Gabrilowitsch, the pianist, and his wife, Clara Clemens, daughter of Mark Twain, move to their new home at Ardmore, which they have leased. Gabrilowitsch, his friends say, desired to live in Philadelphia because of his friendship for Leopold Stokowski, leader of the Philadelphia Orchestra, and his regard for that organization's weekly concerts.

MISS EMILY P. HARRIS, DEBUTANTE, HAS PARALYSIS

Miss Emily Pepper Harris, granddaughter of Ethelbert Watts, United States Consul General at Brussels, Belgium, and a debutante this year, has contracted a light case of infantile paralysis and is being treated at the home of an aunt, Mrs. William A. Platt, at Pennlyn. She attended a luncheon given by Miss Margaret Berwind at Welwood, Radnor, in honor of Miss Katherine Christina Lea Monday last week. Miss Harris, whose home is with a great-uncle, Sydney Wright, of Germantown, is the daughter of the late Francis Chambers Harris. Her mother remarried. She is Mrs. Clark Melton, of New York.

RAPS PATHOLOGICAL CONDITION AT WASHINGTON

Dr. John B. Deaver, addressing the Clinical College of Surgeons in the ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford, said "the pathological condition of affairs in the Administration at Washington should be cut out. Vaccination should not be countenanced in national or surgical affairs."

"MILLIONAIRE" FIREMEN STRIKE; WANT ENGINEER BACK

Twenty active members of the Old York Road Fire Company, known as "the Millionaire Fire Company," have gone on strike and will not answer any fire alarms until Richard Bryan, for many years engineer of the company, is reinstated by the board of directors. Two weeks' notice has been given the board to reinstate him and unless he is taken back they will resign.

CONDEMNED GERMAN OPPOSITION TO FEEDING POLAND

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 24.—Cardinal Mercier, Archbishop of Malines, Belgium, who has frequently clashed with the German military authorities, has issued a pastoral letter condemning Armenian massacres and German opposition to America's plans for the feeding of Poland. In defiance of Germany, he predicts that Belgium's independence will positively be restored.

TWO PAPAL Nuncios TO BE MADE CARDINALS

ROME, Oct. 24.—Pope Benedict has decided to hold a secret consistory December 4 and a public consistory December 7, at which he will create new cardinals. The red hat will be conferred on Monsignor Count Raffaele Scapinelli, former papal nuncio at Vienna, and Monsignor Fruewirth, former nuncio at Munich. Monsignor Fruewirth will be replaced at Munich by Monsignor Aversa, papal nuncio in Brazil, who is now on his way to Rome.

THAW STUMPS AGAINST JUDGE BECAUSE OF RULING

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Harry Kendall Thaw made his debut as a political speaker when he addressed a street-corner meeting of 300 persons in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn. He advocated the candidacy of Frank H. Hiscock for Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals. He urged the voters not to favor Hiscock's rival, Almet M. Jenks, saying the latter, as a Supreme Court Justice, had rendered three unjust decisions in Thaw's own case.

ZEPPELIN FLOTILLA SIGHTED OFF NORWEGIAN COAST

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 24.—The National Tidende publishes a telegram from Christiania saying that eight Zeppelins on Saturday night passed the station of Hinna, about a mile from Stavanger, on the southwest coast of Norway.

SIXTEEN OF BRITISH CREW LOST IN CARIBBEAN

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 24.—Sixteen of the crew of the steamship L. Edward Hines, including Captain F. M. McKelge, Jr., were drowned when she was sunk in the Caribbean Sea forty-five miles east of Belize, British Honduras, in the tropical hurricane on October 15, according to a wireless today from Belize. Only three of the crew were saved.

GUFFEY PREDICTS SUCCESS FOR DEMOCRATS

That Pennsylvania, outside of Philadelphia, will give President Wilson its majority vote on November 7 and go Democratic for the first time since 1855 was the prediction of Democratic State Chairman Guffey, speaking to the Democratic City Committee today.

FOUR INJURED WHEN POWDER CAR BURNS

PENNSBORO, N. J., Oct. 24.—Two men were burned, it is believed fatally, and two others were slightly injured when two cars of powder which were being unloaded at a sorting house in the Carney's Point powder plant caught fire from a spark and were destroyed. The seriously injured were sent to the Delaware Hospital, Wilmington. They are Thomas W. Miller, twenty-seven years old, of New York, and F. J. Boyer, thirty-seven years old, of 1219 South Third street, Philadelphia.

TEN FIRST INFANTRY OFFICERS MAY QUIT

Friction in the First Pennsylvania Infantry will result in the resignation of ten of the officers as soon as the regiment's affairs are settled with the Government, according to one of the officers. A disagreement over promotion in order of seniority is the chief cause for discontent, it was said. Another officer said that matters were not in such bad shape and that while there was certain discontent he did not believe that the officers in question would resign.

URGES PERMANENT UNION AGAINST GERMANS

LONDON, Oct. 24.—Paul Cambon, the French Ambassador to Great Britain, declared today that the Allies were grouped in a solid unity against the pretensions of Germany to universal dominion, and would continue the war until those pretensions were defeated. When the war is over, he said, the union now so strong must continue to exist, as it is the only way by which national liberties can be preserved.

ALEXANDER BROWN SOCIETY MAN, DIES IN AIRSHIP SMASH

Student at Essington School Crashes to Death as Machine "Skids"

FALLS INTO DELAWARE



ALEXANDER BROWN

Alexander Brown, noted polo player and wealthy aviator, of Rosemont, was instantly killed today at the aviation school at Essington, when his machine balked in mid-air.

The hydrocoptera skidded at an altitude of seventy-five feet above the Delaware River as Mr. Brown, miscalculating the distance to the surface, made too sharp a turn as he headed toward the Pennsylvania shore near the end of Tinicum Island. With the planes almost vertical and offering virtually no resistance, the machine suddenly fell, plunging to the water and diving with terrific force below the surface.

Mr. Brown was almost instantly killed, it is believed. Mechanicians in a motorboat, which was following the aeroplanes on the pilot's course, rushed to the scene and divers recovered the body, which was crushed by the engine. The body of Mr. Brown, who was forty-two years old, was taken to Darby by Coroner Charles H. Brewes, of Darby, who will hold an inquest late this afternoon.

The flight was the final one of a series that would have qualified Mr. Brown for a diploma of the Philadelphia School of Aviation. He was making the turns on the pilot's course when the machine wheeled too sharply.

WIFE OPPOSED STUDY

Mr. Brown is survived by his wife and three sons. It is understood that Mrs. Brown was opposed to his activity in aviation lines and always feared that he would meet with a tragic death.

Word of his death spread quickly along the Main Line and many called to condole with the family.

Robert Johnson, head instructor of the aviation school, described the accident. "I noticed something was wrong," he said. "Last night Mr. Brown had flown alone and the flight was fine. Today when he went up I saw something was wrong. It looked as though a different man was flying entirely. He was making the rounds of the pilot's course. I noticed that he was taking the turns too sharply, the angle of the machine giving him no support from the air."

"Right at the end of Tinicum Island," continued the instructor, "he turned too sharply. The machine started to fall from the height of seventy-five feet. Mr. Brown was dead when we reached him."

Mrs. Brown was Miss Mary G. Hobson. She is the daughter of Mrs. H. Penn Smith. Mrs. Clarence Dolan is a sister of the dead pilot.

FAMOUS IN POLO

Mr. Brown, who was the son of the late Nelson Brown and grandson of the late Alexander Brown, Sr., achieved the distinction of being one of the most famous polo players in the country as captain of the Bryn Mawr team. Through his efforts, and those of W. H. Tevis Huhn, the last polo tournament of the National Polo Association was brought to this city. After finishing his education at Yale, Mr. Brown, familiarly known as "Young Alec," entered the banking house of Brown

Continued on Page Seven, Column Three

TETANUS AFTER VACCINATION

Shield Drops From Wound, Which Is Infected by Dirt, and Little Girl Dies

Tetanus, which set in a vaccination wound when the shield dropped off, caused the death today of five-year-old Margaret Kild, of 1231 South Twenty-eighth street, in the Jefferson Hospital. The child was vaccinated three weeks ago by the family physician so that she could go to school. The shield dropped off while the child was at play and it is supposed that dirt got into the wound. Tetanus set in on October 21 and the child's condition became critical. Detective Frank Paul, of the Coroner's office, is making an investigation. When Kild, the child's father, said today that he believed no blame could be attached to the physician who vaccinated the child, "I must be loco," he said, every word he said. "The child dropped the shield and the wound must have become infected."